



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014
AT 200 HIGHLANDS BOULEVARD DRIVE**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David L. Willson called the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Roll call showed those present were Alderman Clement, Alderman Stevens, Alderman Hamill, Alderman Ottenad, Alderman Schrader, Alderman Diehl, and Mayor Willson. Attorney Gunn was absent. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Willson stated he would be introducing boy scouts who are working on merit badges.

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Order of Items on the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad and carried unanimously, without objection.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Presentation of 2015 Budget

Director of Finance Dave Tuberty stated the projected revenues for all funds combined are \$19.1 million. The total projected expenditures combined are \$18.8 million dollars with an excess

of \$303,000. The General Fund 2015 Revenue is anticipated to be \$8,872,000 with expenditures of \$8,818,000, with an excess of \$54,000.

After the presentation, Mayor Willson stated he has been the Mayor since 2008, and has sat in a lot of budget meetings and “hats off” to the Aldermen and the staff. This was the best prepared budget since he has been here. He appreciated everyone’s hard work.

b. Comments from the Public

Ms. Pauline Bair, 305 Morewood Drive, stated that September 11th has come and gone. She said the City has a beautiful memorial on Henry Ave and there was nothing done by the City of Manchester, while other towns had services for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. She discussed the sign promoting purchases of a paver, and then not being recognized for it.

Ms. Bair asked why the sign at Manchester and Sulphur Spring is covered.

City Administrator Hixson stated the sign is being replaced.

Alderman Clement stated they have heard from quite a few people that the old sign is not readable. The old sign will be at the park entrance and there will be a better, more legible sign at Manchester and Sulphur Spring. He said the signs are very important to business activity of the City and the various activities in the City, and he believes the City wants signs that are readable and legible.

Wesley Abeln, a junior at Parkway South High School, and Shannon Morrissey, a sophomore at Parkway South High School, appeared before the Board of Aldermen. Wesley Abeln stated they represent the Parkway South High School, “Safe and Drug-Free Leaders” and the “Teen Voice for Change Youth Coalition”. He said they were at the meeting to recognize the City of Manchester and the Manchester Police Department for their leadership and for providing medication “Take Back” services to our communities. They advised that in September, the City of Manchester took back 454 pounds of unused medication. A Certificate of Appreciation for participation in the “Take Back” medication collection effort was presented to Manchester Chief of Police Timothy Walsh.

Mayor Willson recognized Boy Scout Matthew Hayes, Troop 751 sponsored by St. Joseph’s School, who is working on his “Citizenship in the Community” merit badge and Boy Scout Andrew Caplinger, Troop 631 which is sponsored by St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, who is also working on his “Citizenship in the Community” merit badge.

6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson reported on November 9, he attended the CERT chili cook-off at the Park; on November 12, he along Chief Walsh, attended the REJIS Awards Banquet; on November 14, he attended the Lafayette Area Mayors Organization meeting where they talked about the upcoming election and events in Ferguson, and on November 15, he was in attendance at ATA Martial Arts for a community strong event.

Mayor Willson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates of November 2 – November 15, 2014)

There were no questions.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet, but there is an agenda for next week.

b. Manchester Arts

Alderman Stevens stated that the artwork on display is from Helen Hume who is on the Manchester Arts Board. The exhibit is called "Landscape", and it will be on display from November 12 to January 8. On December 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. there will be a reception. Daily shows are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Stevens stated the Manchester Arts Council will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 4, and the discussion will be on future events, direction, and programming. She welcomed new attendees and new ideas.

9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

a. BILL # 14-2207 - AN ORDINANCE RELEASING THE ESCROW FOR THE ARBORS AT HANNA

Alderman Hamill read for the second time Bill # 14-2207, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO RELEASE ALL FUNDS GUARANTEEING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY NOW KNOWN AS THE ARBORS AT HANNA, AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE ARBORS AT HANNA, ALL AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO", by title only.

Alderman Hamill made the motion that Bill # 14-2207 become Ordinance # 14-2093. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Diehl - aye
Alderman Schrader - aye
Alderman Ottenad - aye
Alderman Clement - aye
Alderman Stevens - aye
Alderman Hamill - aye

Mayor Willson announced the Bill passed with a vote of 6 - 0.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

a. BILL APPROVING THE 2015 BUDGET

Alderman Stevens introduced Bill # 14-2208, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANCHESTER FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS AS SET FORTH HEREIN FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS THEREIN SPECIFIED”, by title only.

No further action at this time.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Comments from the Public

Mr. John Dodge, 977 Arbor Run Court, President of the Arbors at Hanna Homeowners Association, thanked Alderman Hamill, Franz Krintz, and Bob Ruck for their help with the finishing touches on his neighborhood. He expressed thanks for the salt truck coming through his neighborhood last night.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business, Alderman Hamill made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, MMC/MRCC-S
City Clerk

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